AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (d) The import of sugar into India during the financial years 1994-95 to 1998-99 (upto August, 98) and the value of imports in Rs. Crores is as under:—

Financial Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1993-94	354	0.45
1994-95	1765440	2245.85
1995-96	150630	215.89
1996-97	2131	3.18
1997-98	330248	443.37
1998-99 (upto Aug. 98)	325840	440.97

SOURCE: DGCI&Ss. Calcutta

Import of sugar being on Open General Licence (O.G.L.) with effect from March 1994, various private parties are importing sugar as per their best commercial judgement. The actual amount of foreign exchange spent on account of sugar imports is not available.

(c) The production of sugar during the last five years seasons 1993-94 to 1997-98 in the country was as under:—

Sugar Season (Oct. to Sept.	Production of Sugar (In lakh tonnes)
1993-94	92.24
1994-95	146.43
1995-96	164.29
1996-97	129.05
1997-98	128.27(Prov.)

The production of sugar in the country during the current sugar season 1998-99 is expected to be 150.0 lakh tonnes.

(d) The consumption of sugar in the country during the last five sugar seasons 1993-94 to 1997-98 has been as under:—

Sugar season (Oct. to Sept.)	Internal consumptioon (excluding exports) (in lakh tonnes)(*)
1993-94	111-29
1994-95	119.74
1995-96	131.72
1996-97	137.92
1997-98	139.08 (Prov.)

(*) These figures exclude the sugar imported by private parties under O.G.L. for sale in the open market.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSATARRED QUESTIONS

Evasion of Excise duty by bulk drug companies

1396. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether bulk drug Companies are flouting DPCO to evade excise duty by selling bulk drugs at prices much below the DPCO, 1995 rates and are paying lower duties to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have carried out assessment of evasion of excise duty by the bulk drug manufacturing Companies, if so, the names of the main Companies involved, with the estimated evasion of excise duty so far;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed against the defaulters/manipulators detected; and

(d) the details regarding follow up action taken against drug Companies Company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Under the provisions of DPCO 1995, the Government fixes only the Maximum Sale Price of the bulk drugs under Price Control. The DPCO 1995 does not

prohibit sale at lower prices. Prices of bulk drugs not under Price Control, are determined/charged by the manufacturers as per their commerical judgement.

(b) to (d) In view of the above, question does not arise.

Fertilizer projects in public/private sector

1397. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fertilizer projects set up in the public/private sector, alongwith their annual production targets;

(b) the details of private/private sector fertilizer projects that are proposed to be set up in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of public sector units in which foreign capital investment has been made and its percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A. K. PATEL): (a) The requisite information in respect of major fertilizer plants set up in the public/private sector and their production targets is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) As per the Industrial Policy statement issued by the Government on 24th July 1991, the promoters of Fertilizer projects are normally not required to obtain industrial licence. However, Public Sector Undertakings/ Cooperative Societies under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain approval of the Government before incurring capital expenditure beyond their delegated financial powers. The proposals for major fertilizer projects in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh formulated by Public Sector Units/Cooperative Societies are as under:—

Sl No.	Name of PSU/Cooperative	Location	Estimated Capital Cost (Rs. Crore)	Prod. Product	Envisaged Capacity (Lakh MTPA*)
1.	Krishak Bharti Cooperative Ltd. (Third Stream Ammonia-Urea Expansion Project)	Hazira Gujarat	1131	Urea	7.26
2.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (Ammonia-Urea Expansion Project	Thal Maharashtra	1371	Urea	7.26

Besides, the following private companies have filed Industrial Entreprenurs Memorandum (IEM) in the last three years expressing intention to set up major fertilizer plants:—

Sr. No.	Name of Private Companies	Location	Prod. Product (Lakh	Envisaged Capacity MTPA)	Year of Filing IEM
1.	Indo-Gulf Ferts & Chemicals Corpn. Ltd.	Bharuch Gujarat	DAP	3.00	1995
2.	Reliance Inds. Ltd.	Jamnagar Gujarat	Urea	30.00	1996

*MTPA—metric tonnes per annum